

set up an automatic S.T.D. Telephone exchange at Chatra, the Headquarter of Chatra District in Bihar;

(b) the time by which it is likely to be set up;

(c) whether the present telephone facilities are quite insufficient; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

Electronic Exchange is already functioning.

(b) D.H.Q. at Chatra has been formed recently. STD is planned to be provided in 1992-93.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

[English]

**Post Offices in District of Jamnagar, Gujarat**

1640. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether many villages of Jamnagar District of Gujarat are at present without post offices;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) when such facilities are likely to be provided in all the villages; and

(d) the places of Jamnagar District where such facilities have been provided during the Seventh Five Year Plan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. There are 369 villages in the district of Jam Nagar which are at present without a post office. Opening of post offices in these villages has not been found justified as per departmental norms.

(d) During the 7th Five Year Plan villages namely Mojap, Beh, Juwangadh in Jamnagar district have been provided with post offices.

**All Party Meeting on Jammu and Kashmir Problem**

1641. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA:  
SHRI LOKANATH CH-  
OUDHURY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an all party meeting on the Jammu and Kashmir problem was convened by the Government on November 13, 1991;

(b) if so, the details of the discussions held; and

(c) the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). A meeting of the political leaders and prominent political personalities of the J & K State was held on 13.11.91. The meeting reaffirmed the resolve of the people to resolutely meet the challenge to the unity and integrity of the country. The meeting placed on record its appreciation of the out-

standing work done by the security forces including the J & K Police in combating the terrorism in the State under very difficult and trying conditions, and extended its condolences to the families of all those members of the security forces, administration and civilians who have lost their precious lives in this conflagration.

A large number of suggestions for dealing with various aspects of political, economic and regional dimensions were made including the external factors involved. It was decided that the political dialogue would be continued, so that the political activities in the State can be restored. The meeting called upon all misguided youth of the State to shun the self-defeating path of violence and rejoin the political mainstream in the nation building activities.

A copy of resolution adopted in the meeting is enclosed as a statement.

### STATEMENT

#### *Resolution Adopted by the Meeting of Leaders of Political Parties of Jammu & Kashmir on 13 November, 1991*

The meeting of several leading political personalities and representatives of recognised political parties viewed with deep concern the continuing activities of the Pakistani sponsored and trained militants in Jammu & Kashmir, which have inflicted widespread suffering on the people of the State, including loss of innocent lives damage to property, deprivation of means of livelihood, disruption of economic and commercial activities and uprooting of thousands of families from their homes and villages, thus seriously threatening our cherished secular and democratic ideas.

Kashmir has glorious traditions of secularism. Every effort must be made to nurture and strengthen the secular forces in the State.

The meeting also reaffirmed the resolve of the people and their representatives to resolutely meet the challenge to the unity and integrity of the country. The meeting placed on record its appreciation of the outstanding work done by the security forces including the J & K Police in combating the terrorism in the State under very difficult and trying conditions, and extended its condolences to the families of all those members of the security forces, administration and civilians who have lost their precious lives in this conflagration.

The threat of militancy and terrorism can be met only by mobilising the will of the people at large. The meeting appealed to the people of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh to stand united in these difficult times, to ensure return of peace and tranquility.

A large number of suggestions for dealing with various aspects of the political, economic and regional dimensions were made, including the external factors involved. It was decided that the political dialogue would be continued, so that the political activities in the State can be restored. The meeting called upon all misguided youth of the State to shun the self-defeating path of violence and rejoin the political mainstream in the nation-building activities.

#### **Post Offices with Telephone Facilities in Villages of Chhota Nagpur of Bihar**

1642. SHRI KARIYA MUNDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open post offices with phone facilities in each village of Chhota Nagpur of Bihar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). There